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SENATOR MARVEL: I respectfully disagree with the Chair. I think it's in order for me to ask a question at this time. If you rule me out of order, that's fine.

PRESIDENT: No. I think that in view of the intervening procedural matter further debate can be had.

SENATOR MARVEL: OK. I would like to pose a question of Senator DeCamp. I would like to have you show me, in the bill -- now I voted against you at the moment. But I'd like to have you show me in the bill where the new language does anything, strengthens the bill, or the administration of this bill. It looks to me that if I am an employee I can ask to withhold money for the Community Chest, and the department has to issue that particular order -- implement that particular order. Where in the bill can you indicate to me that this -- the language is not strong enough to do this? In other words, I can't see the need of the new language, frankly.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Marvel, it's my interpretation from reading the old bill that at least there is a serious question as to whether it is mandatory and the interpretation by those who want the bill, is apparently that it is not mandatory. In the new language you specifically see the words "and payment shall be made pursuant thereto." There is no question that the new bill and the new language is definitely a mandatory program, that under the old bill, at the very best, there is a question as to what it is. The people that want the bill have that question and think it is not mandatory at the present time.

SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President, may I make one other statement? I will continue to vote against killing the bill but it still appears to me that the argument is fairly weak. That the bill, at the moment without the new language, isn't strong enough. I shall proceed to investigate on my own and vote to keep the bill alive. Frankly, I'm not sure that the bill and the new language is necessary. Thank you sir.

PRESIDENT: Before we voted on the motion to indefinitely postpone, Senator Moylan had replied. We were ready for the vote. Senator Syas, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYAS: Well we're still in the process of debate, are we not?

PRESIDENT: I don't think so. I really don't. You debated this originally, Senator.

SENATOR SYAS: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Then you also debated the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR SYAS: No, I only debated the motion to indefinitely postpone, I was not in the original debate.

PRESIDENT: Senator, debate has ceased on the motion to advance